

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-17 and 21-23 are in the case. Claims 18-20 have been canceled.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-17 and 21-23.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Michail et al., Claims 18 and 19 have been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Whereby, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Michail et al., Claim 20 has been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Whereby, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

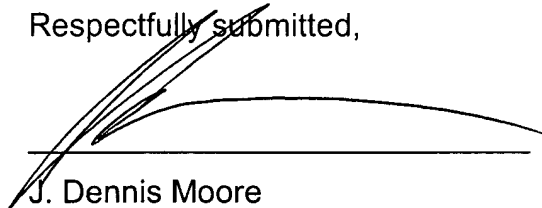
It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite the patentably distinguishing features of the invention and that, taken together with the above remarks, the present application is now in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims are requested at an early date.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668

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Respectfully submitted,

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